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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application is followed

In The Claims:

Please replace claims 1, 6, and 14 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

(AMENDED) An electric circuit for an electrical system in a motor vehicle, the electrical system being powered by a voltage supply and having at least two functional states, the electric circuit comprising:

at least one control stage including a switching device, an electronic switching module, a single signal output, and a single connecting line connecting the signal output to the electrical system;

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